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SUBJ: PAKISTANI TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN MALTA

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1. AT START ONE WEEK'S HOLIDAY PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO MALTA (RESIDENT ROME) AFTAB AHMED KHAN ANNOUNCED TO PRESS "GREAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT PAKISTANI INDUSTRIALISTS MAY START SEVERAL JOINT VENTURES WITH MALTESE." ACCORDING TO REPORT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY MALTA NEWS (GWU), DELEGATION PAKISTANI INDUSTRIALISTS WILL ARRIVE MALTA NEXT MONTH STUDY POSSIBILITIES COMMERCIAL COOPERATION THROUGH JOINT VENTURES. KHAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED PAKISTANI INDUSTRIALISTS AWARE MALTA HAS LARGE LABOR FORCE AND NECESSARY FACILITIES SUCH AS WATER AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT. HE ALSO MENTIONED PAKISTAN EXPORTED LAST YEAR LARGE QUANTITY COTTON YARN FOR MALTA'S TEXTILE INDUSTRIES AND THAT HIS COUNTRY PREPARED GUARANTEE CONTINUE SEND TO MALTA COTTON YARN AT COMPETITIVE PRICES.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE THE GOM IS OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN CASTING

ITS ASIAN NET FARTHER THAN CHINESE GLASS AND CHOCOLATE FACTORIES AND PAKISTANI STAFF FOR AIR MALTA, KHAN'S PERCEPTION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER, INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER FACTORS OF PRODUCTION IN MALTA MIGHT BE CORRECTED WITH A MEASURE OF REALISM. MALTA HAS AN UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM WITH SOMETHING LIKE 8 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE OUT OF WORK. THIS AMOUNTS, HOWEVER, TO ONLY 8,000 INDIVIDUALS. WATER HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE A LIMITING FACTOR IN MALTA BY MANY ENTREPRENEURS RANGING FROM BOTTLERS TO TEXTILE MFGRS. KHAN IS CORRECT IN NOTING THE LARGE QUANTITY OF COTTON YARN EXPORTED BY PAKISTAN TO MALTA. IN FACT, MALTA IMPORTED 1.72 MILLION KILOGRAMS OF COTTON YARN, MOSTLY FROM PAKISTAN IN 1972 AT A COST OF 690,000 MALTA POUNDS. THIS PRODUCT, HOWEVER, IS ALMOST A CLASSIC ILLUSTRATION OF COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE IN TERMS OF TRADE SINCE MALTA EXPORTED NEARLY THE SAME AMOUNT OF COTTON YARN IN 1972, THAT IS, 1.79 MILLION KILOGRAMS AT A PRICE OF OVER ONE MILLION MALTA POUNDS.  
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